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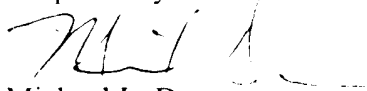
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed November 20, 2001, enclosed is the duly executed Declaration for Patent Application for the above-titled application. Also enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the requisite fee along with the required copy of the formalities letter. If any additional fee is required for this

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Respectfully submitted,

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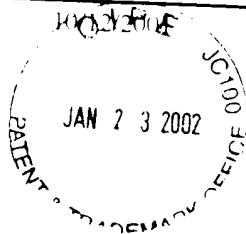


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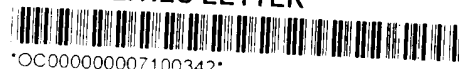
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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